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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

NUCLEAR TESTING

On moral grounds, President Kennedy's decision to test new U.S. nuclear weapons is indefensible—even if it brings death from leukemia to only one child, even if it deforms only a few members of unborn generations, and even if it speeds up the nuclear arms race only a little.

Yet the Soviet Union had its chance to launch an initiative for the peace it says it wants so badly. It launched last year's "dirty" atmospheric tests, instead.

Backed by advice from experts—and pushed perhaps by Congress, the Atomic Energy Commission and the military—President Kennedy has decided that we must catch up. There is stern logic in this, even if there may be a little international blackmail in it, too.

About the only good thing we can see about the whole mess is that President Kennedy has given the Soviet Union another chance to show its good intentions—until April.

WHO'S BUMBLING NOW?

It's nice that last weekend's California Republican Assembly in Berkeley was so open and democratic (small "d," that is).

But for a guy who had the '60 GOP national convention wired like a piano, Richard M. Nixon looked pretty bumbling as he fumbled against a right-wing lightweight for seven out of 12 votes in sub-committee, 34 out of 59 in committee and 263 out of 439 on the floor.

Maybe the voters of California ought to let Tricky Dick retire from politics altogether—in November, if not in June.

NOTE OF THE WEEK

Those "Pat" Brown stickers get around. Three or four showed up when Nixon visited S.F. State. They got into a picture in the Feb. 27 News-Call Bulletin. One of the bidders-from-within was Steve Chaudet.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Larry Ross, president of Commercial Telegraphers 208: "The editor of a local newspaper thought I was kidding when I told him Western Union operators made a top of \$2.24."

NOTE OF THE WEEK II

To "Tired but Hopeful Laborers": It sounds as if you need a union for Oakland school cafeteria workers. Call the Central Labor Council office, HI 4-6510.

NOTE OF THE WEEK III

They'll tell you how to go about getting effective union representation for all employees. And don't be afraid to leave your name,

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Gruhn urges labor unity on political campaigns

BTC asks rate for apprentices in county bids

The Building Trades Council has asked the Board of Supervisors and special districts under its jurisdiction to include apprentice wage standards in specifications and bid advertisements.

The BTC acted at the request of Carpenters 36.

DAVIS-BACON AMENDMENTS

Also at Tuesday night's meeting, the council incorporated in its minutes a letter from C. J. Haggerty, president of the AFL-CIO Building and Construction Trades Department, asking contractor support for a proposed amendment to the Davis-Bacon Act.

The amendment, among topics under discussion at the department's legislative conference in Washington, D. C., this week, would include fringe benefits in computing prevailing wages for bids on federal projects.

3 PICKETS OUT

M. B. Dillashaw of Cement Masons 594, acting BTC business representative, reported three jobs were being picketed: Pope Realty Co., 101st avenue and East 14th street; the Hesternan & Singleton project on 82nd avenue, and an apartment house being built by Homer Brown in the 2800 block on San Pablo avenue, Berkeley.

Five other jobs were picketed earlier, Dillashaw said, but the disputes have been settled.

BTC AGREEMENTS

BTC agreements were signed by: Robert C. Baccus Masonry, D. J. Broussard, Cortese Excavators, Great Western Pipeline Co., Lakehurst Construction Co., Oliver McFarland, Pacific Coast Insulation Contractors, George L. Stephens, Vent-a-Fence, Acme Masonry and J. F. Wise Construction Co.

65 locals approve parking resolution

Leslie K. Moore, president of the Labor Temple Association, says 65 unions have approved resolutions asking the City of Oakland for off-street parking in the Labor Temple area.

City plans call for no more parking on Valdez street when it is widened and extended in the near future.

Moore told Central Labor Council delegates he is also circulating petitions among individuals, asking support for adequate off-street parking.



CONGRESSMAN GEORGE P. MILLER, left, of Alameda County, chairman of the House Committee on Science and Astronautics, is shown introducing Astronaut John Glenn at hearings of the committee following his successful space flight. Newsmen are in the background.

Dunn wins club OK; unionists in key role

Alameda County unionists played a decisive role in winning the Democratic clubs' endorsement in the new Ninth Congressional District for Francis Dunn of Painters 127.

This was the opinion expressed in a report to Central Labor Council delegates Monday night by Richard K. Groulx, assistant CLC secretary, who described the efforts of several labor representatives and their wives at a convention in San Jose Sunday.

Groulx also expressed his appreciation to union officials from Santa Clara County who helped Dunn. They included James P. McLoughlin, president and Emerson Street, business representative, of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council.

SEVENTH BALLOT

Dunn, a member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors who served six terms in the State Legislature, won the endorsement as Democratic candidate for the new congressional district on the seventh ballot.

On six earlier ballots, Dunn had a majority but not the required 60 per cent.

Under convention rules, Dr. Stephen Krug, Livermore dentist, pulled out after the second ballot. But it was not until delegates for Fremont Mayor John Stevenson left following the sixth ballot that Dunn obtained the necessary 60 per cent.

Groulx expressed criticism

concerning "smear tactics" used by some Stevenson supporters and hit certain aspects of conduct of the convention. But he said he feels the endorsement will help Dunn win in the primary.

Incumbent Assemblyman Carlos Bee won endorsement by acclamation in the 13th Assembly District.

William Stanton won the 25th A.D. endorsement.

CLC pushes Textile Workers' job fight; Groulx lashes trustee

Superior Judge Folger Emerson has consolidated two cases filed to enforce an arbitration award in favor of five officers and stewards of Textile Workers 146, fired by the F. Burkart Manufacturing Co. in 1960.

At Monday night's Central Labor Council, an international trustee of the Textile Workers Union of America (AFLCIO) was strongly criticized for his handling of the entire case by Richard K. Groulx, CLC assistant secretary.

Groulx said the actions of the trustee, Ted Emery, had delayed the return of the officers and stewards to their jobs. But, he said, he expected that the case will finally be heard in Judge Emerson's court next week.

One case was filed in San

Talks to CLC; Fred Smith also speaks

Albin J. Gruhn, president of the California Labor Federation, urged unionists to stick together on both economic and political matters, in a talk to the Central Labor Council Monday night.

Although he did not refer to it, Gruhn's talk was an obvious plea for unity at and following next month's endorsing convention of California labor's Committee on Political Education.

'OUR LIFELOOD'

Stressing that the Alameda County Central Labor Council has a fine record of assisting its affiliates on economic matters, Gruhn declared that the entire trade union movement must stand together behind every union—large or small.

The same unity must prevail in political action, which is labor's "lifeblood," Gruhn said.

It is essential for unions to act together in getting good laws passed and defeating legislators who vote against these laws, he added.

SMITH SPEAKS

Fred Smith, assistant State COPE director, said labor's state political organization is now working on a permanent, year round basis and has 27 active units covering 98 per cent of the population of the state.

Labor's job this year is to elect good candidates in 11 key assembly races and help give President Kennedy a liberal majority in Congress, Smith said.

Francisco by an attorney hired by Emery, according to Groulx. The other was filed here by a lawyer retained by the fired men themselves. Groulx maintained that the case should have been filed here originally.

Going back to the start of the case almost 1½ years ago, Groulx told CLC delegates that the five officers and stewards were removed from their union posts by Emery on the basis of information received in an anonymous phone call.

And then, instead of notifying the five men, themselves, Groulx charged, Emery notified the company.

Shortly afterward, a grievance occurred at the Burkart company—a division of Textron

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HOW TO BUY

Door-to-door selling: big markup

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Door-to-door installment selling of a wide variety of goods from religious articles to chord organs has become big business.

Some 3,000 firms now have about a million and a half salespeople out selling everything from cosmetics to home organs.

Often the chief customers are modest income working people. The prices they pay for goods bought this way usually are two and three times those charged by stores for the same items.

Take the new cap type hair dryers, which have a hood and hose to supply hot and cool air. Heavy TV advertising has made such hair dryers currently the biggest sellers of any small appliances, and the door-to-door installment sellers have latched onto them as their chief current promotion.

The canvassers charge anywhere from \$19.95 to \$24.95 for the same or similar hair dryers that stores sell for \$10 to \$12. To help them get this high price, they package the hair dryers in suitcase or hatbox type carrying cases so they look more expensive.

The same high markups are charged for many other goods sold by house-to-house canvassers. Moderate income people are generally the chief targets because they are easygoing buyers and most sympathetic to salesmen who come to the door. Too, the cost is disguised by the installment terms. The salesmen emphasize that the item costs "so-much a week."

SALESMEN also use what are known in the trade as door openers and account openers. Sometimes the door openers are free samples of cosmetics or housewares.

But the account openers most widely used by installment door-to-door firms are religious articles. These often are elaborately framed pictures or plaques. Sometimes they have an electric light over a reproduction of a Biblical scene or figure, or they may be offered with a Bible as a "free" premium or part of the package.

Door-to-door sellers charge from \$10 to \$30 for such pictures and plaques.

Not only are some of these "account openers" themselves high priced, but once you open an account with a door-to-door installment firm its salesmen will be after you to buy many other goods.

Among other widely sold door-to-door lines are vacuum cleaners (\$70 cleaners are sold for \$130 and some models run as high as \$220); stainless steel cookware (which canvassers find they can sell at a higher markup than aluminum); radio and phonograph equipment; various electric appliances, like fans, and dinnerware sets.

Door-to-door firms especially push menamine (plastic) dishes.

IN GENERAL, door-to-door firms mark up their goods 2½ to 3 times the wholesale price. If they pay \$6.65 for a set of cheap dishes, they charge \$16.95 to \$19.95. The salesmen get 25 per cent commission, and collection and bad debt costs are reported to take another big bite of 30 per cent.

Thus, about half of the price you pay goes for just selling the merchandise to you and collecting the payments.

In comparison to the margin of 60 to 67 per cent of your dollar taken by door-to-door firms, ordinary retailers take 22 to 40 per cent.

Some of the more conservative door-to-door sellers of cosmetics, toiletries and housewares take 55 per cent, which is still more than many of the conventional retailers charge for goods of similar value.

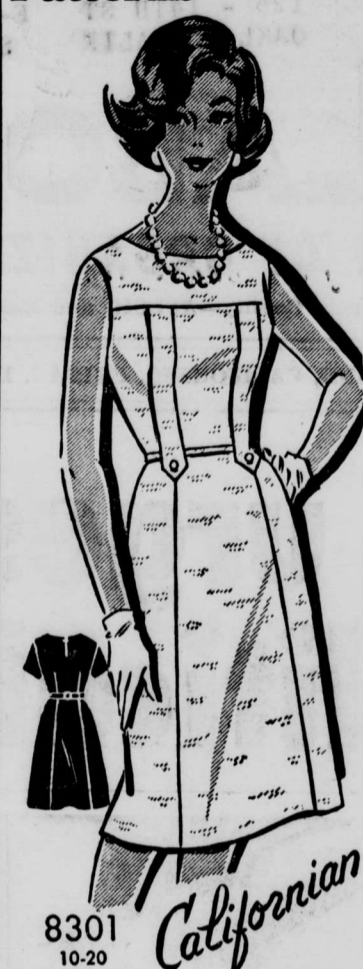
How can door-to-door firms get these high markups when all you need do is go to the nearest store and compare prices?

One way is by exploiting the convenience of buying at home, or religious or sympathy feelings, or by playing on impulses. One reason why chord organs are being sold door-to-door is that they are an impulse item, and people find it less embarrassing to try out an organ at home than in a store.

Door-to-door sellers also trick up goods with extra gadgets, like the hatbox packaging used for the hair dryers.

A THIRD device is the use of special brand names to hamper comparison of prices. Many of the best known manufacturers lend themselves to this practice, putting out items for the door-to-door industry under special brand names and styles so you don't immediately see that these are the same goods sold at stores. Among manufacturers who do this are such famous ones as Wearever, West Bend, Regal Ware, Arvin and others.

Barbara Bell Patterns



See the unusually clever detail on this winning design in the dress design contest at UCLA. Fresh and young, it takes well to a variety of fabrics.

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For 1st-class mailing add 10¢ for each pattern. Print name, address with zone, style No. and size.

Food prices up locally, in nation

San Francisco area food prices rose six-tenths of one per cent between December and January, Max D. Kossoris, regional director for the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics announced last week.

The food price index was six-tenths of one per cent above that of a year earlier.

Average prices of all groups of foods rose, but the biggest advance was in most fruits and vegetables.

Throughout the nation, food prices were on the rise. They offset a slight drop in other living costs. The net effect was that the nationwide cost-of-living index remained stable.

Sweet William

There's a carpenter in our local union who's so far in debt that, when his new baby arrived, he named him Bill because he came on the first of the month. — The Carpenter.

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Consumer group urges gas act

"California consumers are being cheated out of hundreds of dollars through quickie increases in the price of natural gas," according to George Brunn, secretary of the Association of California Consumers.

These quickie increases are put through by natural gas companies without any hearing on whether the higher rates are reasonable, Brunn charged.

"No other utility is allowed to operate in such a high-and-mighty fashion," he added.

In accordance with a resolution adopted by the association at its November convention, Brunn urged public support of U. S. Senate Bill 666 by Senator Warren Magnuson (D.-Wash.).

Brunn praised Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown and president Everett McKeage of the State Public Utilities Commission for their support on this issue.

The Association of California Consumers is a non-profit, non-partisan organization to protect the consuming public. It includes labor, credit unions, co-ops, health and welfare groups, home economics and dietetic groups and private citizens.

Equal pay for women urged

Women should be evaluated on merit and fitness alone when they apply for jobs, Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg said following the first meeting of the President's Commission on the Status of Women.

"It has been estimated that 9 of 10 women are gainfully employed at some period in their lives," Goldberg said.

"Today their earnings are typically lower than those of men. Several million women, in fact, earn less than a dollar an hour."

The President's Commission, under the direction of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, is studying the status and contributions of women. One aim is "the strengthening of family relationships through seeking means to provide for women, especially those who work, a more equitable chance to enjoy the fruits of our social, political, and economic life."

Hearings on a House-sponsored equal pay bill are scheduled this month.

'Beef in Orbit'

The California Beef Council issued a hot press release.

"Beef in Orbit," it said. "Col. Glenn rose early on the morning of Feb. 20, 1962, and partook of a substantial breakfast of STEAK and eggs..."

And, when he was picked up by 'copter:

"After medical examinations, John Glenn announced that he was ready for his favorite dinner, FILET MIGNON."

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

PANELISTS for the March 17 East Bay Consumer Information Conference, which is free and open to everybody, have been announced by Helen E. Nelson, consumer counsel to Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

The list is an impressive one. It looks as if the conference is a "must" for any housewife—or husband—who wants to learn ways to save money and avoid being cheated when making purchases of food and other everyday items.

HERE'S the list:

• Charles James, assistant to State Attorney General Stanley Mosk and head of the Consumer Frauds Division of the State Department of Justice.

• Betsy Wood, home economist for the Consumers Cooperative of Berkeley.

• Dr. Jessie V. Coles, retired University of California home economics professor.

• Raymond J. Lloyd, attorney in charge of the San Francisco office of the Federal Trade Commission.

• McKay McKinnon, San Francisco district director for the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

• Milton P. Duffy, chief food and drug inspector for the State Department of Public Health.

• Dr. L. E. Bartelt, chief of the Bureau of Poultry Inspection of the State Department of Agriculture.

• Louis C. Schafer, chief of the Bureau of Milk Stabilization, State Department of Agriculture.

• Donald D. Hill, chief of the Western Meat Inspection Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

• C. A. Santare, Meat Grading Branch, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

• A. L. Seeley, Contra Costa sealer of weights and measures, and

• John A. Nejedly, district attorney, Contra Costa County.

THE CONFERENCE is one of a series being held throughout the state. The entire conference will be conducted as a question-and-answer session between the audience and the panel.

The all day session will be held in the Richmond Memorial Auditorium. It starts at 9:30 a.m. If you want the lunch, the charge will be \$2.

For reservations and information, call the Central Labor Council, HI 4-6510, or the Berkeley Co-op, TH 3-6784, co-sponsors of the conference.

Skim milk prices

The State Department of Agriculture plans to control the price of so-called low fat milk. Seven hearings on proposed prices will be held throughout the state.

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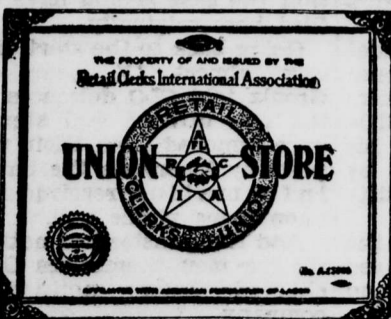
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Weidner endorsed by Contra Costa Democratic clubs

Charles R. Weidner, a consultant and administrator for union-employer health programs and pension plans, has been endorsed for the new 14th Congressional District seat by the Contra Costa County Federation of Democratic Clubs.

Weidner was picked at an endorsing convention Saturday, March 3, over Harold Mutnick



CHARLES R. WEIDNER

of Lafayette and Dr. Joel Fort of El Cerrito. The vote was: Weidner, 346; Mutnick, 173; Dr. Fort, 96.

Unopposed for endorsement were incumbent Assemblymen John T. Knox, 10th District, and Jerome Waldie, 11th District.

WEIDNER'S BACKGROUND

Weidner, 43, has been active in Democratic circles. He formerly served as administrator for the Public Assistance Medical Care Program in Contra Costa County. He is a vice president of the Pleasant Hill Lions Club and district international relations chairman and Peace Corps liaison man.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Weidner is also on the Executive Committee of the International Student Council of Contra Costa County and has been active in the Diablo Valley Girl Scout Council. He and his wife, Diane, have three children. One attends Antioch College, Ohio, and the other two are in College Park High School at Pleasant Hill.

In announcing his candidacy, Weidner stated: "Contra Costa County must have the kind of representation in Congress that only a Democrat can provide. Republican Congressman Baldwin, by voting with the Republican-Dixiecrat coalition on the large majority of issues on which this coalition functioned, has opposed President Kennedy's leadership in solving the critical issues facing the United States at home and abroad. The new 14th District needs a new congressman."

"Upon receiving the endorsement of the Democratic clubs of Contra Costa County," Weidner continued, "we will embark on a vigorous, united campaign which will demonstrate visibly to the voters of the district how positive, progressive Democratic leadership in Congress can assist President Kennedy in shaping his program so that this country can courageously meet the challenge of our times."

New AFLCIO keep

Paul Hall, president of the Seafarers Union, has been elected an AFLCIO vice-president to succeed William A. Calvin of the Boilermakers, who died.

It was Hall who referred to Teamsters President James R. Hoffa as a "fink" on the floor of last year's AFLCIO convention.

Request filed

The Central Labor Council has concurred in an Executive Committee recommendation to file a request from the Berkeley Co-op for \$30 to help defray expenses in connection with the East Bay Consumer Information Conference.

Public employees

Harold Benner of Alameda County School Employees 257 reported on the eighth annual California State Conference of Public Employees at Monday night's meeting of the Central Labor Council.

CLC responds

The Central Labor Council responded to a plea for a representative to attend the Berkeley Personnel Board Tuesday night to protest the so-called "merit system." The plea came from Berkeley Firefighters 1227.

Blue Chip stamps

Members of Typographical Auxiliary No. 26 have donated five books of Blue Chip stamps toward prizes for the 1962 Alameda County Labor Day Picnic, Ted Trautner of Typographical 36 told Central Labor Council delegates.

1961 Annual Report from Blue Cross



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The general reserve to protect the stability of Blue Cross in performing its service to members was increased to \$18,361,865 — equivalent to the amount currently being paid out in four and one-half months of operation. These reserves are consistent with standards suggested by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

In California, Blue Cross is under the supervision of the State Department of Insurance.

A sound financial report attests to careful stewardship, but Blue Cross thinks first in terms of people, the people it serves. For example, Blue Cross has always had a program for its members who are 65 and over. Within the next few months, Blue Cross plans to announce an expansion of this program to cover many who are not now protected. This senior citizen program will be announced on a nation-wide basis with all Blue Cross Plans participating with uniform rates and benefits.

Today Blue Cross membership in America is over 57 million. Most have joined Blue Cross through group plans especially tailored to meet the specific needs of their group. Many have also joined through individual or non-group plans. For information on the plan best suited to your needs, call or write to the nearest office listed below.

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BALANCE SHEET

	December 31 1961	December 31 1960
ASSETS:		
Cash on hand and in Banks . . .	\$ 1,308,295.88	\$ 1,302,672.28
U. S. Government Bonds . . .	15,787,555.62	15,287,040.85
Other Bonds and Common Stocks . . .	9,558,835.01	6,968,484.10
Other Current Assets	1,453,428.90	1,243,187.74
Fixed Assets (Net)	708,656.09	712,228.68
Total Assets	\$28,816,771.50	\$25,513,613.65
LIABILITIES:		
Benefits Expense Payable . . .	\$ 5,600,000.00	\$ 5,500,000.00
Deferred Maternity Payable . . .	160,000.00	100,000.00
Unearned Subscriptions	3,901,972.71	3,646,512.32
Taxes and Accounts Payable . . .	792,932.90	745,055.66
Total Liabilities	10,454,905.61	9,991,567.98
GENERAL RESERVE	18,361,865.89*	15,522,045.67
Total Liabilities and Reserve	\$28,816,771.50	\$25,513,613.65

OPERATING STATEMENT

	YEAR 1961	YEAR 1960
INCOME:		
Subscriptions Earned	\$48,960,065.08	\$42,845,068.94
Interest and Other Income (Net) . . .	914,846.73	845,938.32
Total Income	\$49,874,911.81	\$43,691,007.26
EXPENSE:		
Benefits Expense	\$44,366,395.59	\$39,396,868.27
Operating Expense	2,676,196.00	2,542,885.33
Total Expense	\$47,042,591.59	\$41,939,753.60
Net Income Added to Reserve . . .	\$2,832,320.22	\$1,751,253.66

*Includes \$7,500.00—previously written off.

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Pruss ill; Moore gets Oakland post on redevelopment

Joseph F. Pruss, president of the Alameda County Building Trades Council, is seriously ill in Providence Hospital.

Suffering from a heart condition aggravated by a lung ailment, Pruss resigned last week as member and chairman of the Oakland Redevelopment Agency.

He was re-elected chairman of the redevelopment agency in December for an unprecedented second term.

Officials of Sheet Metal Workers 216 said Pruss will be away from his duties as business



LESLIE K. MOORE of Auto and Ship Painters 1176 was named to the Oakland Redevelopment Agency, succeeding Joseph F. Pruss of Sheet Metal Workers 216. —Photo Courtesy Oakland Tribune.

manager and financial secretary for an indefinite period, as well as from his BTC post.

Doctors have said Pruss can have no visitors except his immediate family.

Leslie K. Moore, president of Painters District Council 16 and member of the Central Labor Council Executive Committee, was nominated by Mayor John C. Houlihan to succeed Pruss as a member of the Redevelopment Agency.

Moore is business representative of Auto and Ship Painters 1176, president of the Labor Temple Association and a member of the Alameda County Grand Jury.

New State Department of Employment manager in Oakland to visit CLC

Clarice Wardall, new Oakland manager of the State Department of Employment's Unemployment Insurance Claims Office, will be a guest at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting.

Her appointment follows general reorganization of local offices of the department to offer better service, according to Marc W. Johnson, coastal area manager.

The new program divides into two separate functions the administration of employment service and the handling of unemployment insurance claims.

Employment service work has been placed under management of Peter D. Kristich with offices at 235 12th St., Oakland.

Persons who wish to file unemployment insurance claims should go to 12th and Oak streets.

A veteran of 23 years with the department, Miss Wardall has been manager of the Oakland commercial office for the past 10 years. She has been in charge of both employment service and unemployment programs.

Prior to that, she was manager of the Richmond office for two years and unemployment insurance manager in Oakland and Berkeley.

Francis out of S.L. race

Luigi (Louis) Francis of Hayward Culinary and Bartenders 832 has withdrawn from the mayoralty race in San Leandro.

However, his name will still appear on the April 10 ballot since the filing deadline has passed, according to City Clerk Richard West. Other candidates are Jack Maltester, the incumbent mayor, and Al Nahm.

Francis cited poor health as his reason for pulling out of the race.

Miller backs U.S. court

Congressman George P. Miller asked a House Judiciary Subcommittee last week to pass a bill providing a new federal court for Oakland. Among co-sponsors of the bill is Alameda County's other congressman, Jeffery Cohelan.

Charter members to be feted by E.B. Steel Machinists 1304

About 200 remaining original members of East Bay Steel Machinists 1304 will be honored at a special union meeting April 19.

The men, most of them still active in the local, are among the 450 who founded it in 1936.

President Ernie Perry heads a committee which has been making plans. Each of the charter members will be presented with a suitable token, and many will receive their 25 year pins—the first group to be so designated.

Invitations are being sent out by the union. Wives are being invited, and transportation is being arranged.

In place of the regular meeting, the charter president will conduct a short meeting and appropriate ceremonies. Home-made cakes and coffee, tea and soft drinks will be served.

Serving with President Perry on the committee are Dave Arca, Art Bratto, Lloyd Ferber, Al Fredotovich, Ed Hamel, Tiny Lauru and Al York.

FEPC upholds E.B. Carpenter

The Guy F. Atkinson Co. was found to have discriminated against Edieu McNeil, a member of Carpenters 36, by the State Fair Employment Practices Commission last week.

The FEPC made its ruling on the basis of a public hearing held in San Francisco Jan 29 to 31.

It was only the third public hearing held by the commission since it started 2½ years ago. Other cases have been settled by conferences.

The FEPC ruled that McNeil was denied employment on the

MacArthur freeway job because of race twice in August, 1960. Though a member of Local 36, McNeil filed the case on his own initiative.

The only action ordered by the FEPC against the company was to cease and desist acts of discrimination against McNeil, make formal pronouncement of a policy of non-discrimination, post it on company premises, and set up non-discriminatory practices in future hiring.

McNeil later went to work for another employer but is now unemployed.

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The Post Office Department has doubled its charge for returning undeliverable copies of the East Bay Labor Journal. The revised regulation covers all second, third and fourth class matter and became effective last month.

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pense is now running twice what it was previously.

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Thank you.

'Run-away' warehousing hit

The Teamsters' Western Warehouse and Produce Council has protested what it refers to as "run-away" warehousing.

It has called upon Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown and the State Legislature to probe use of "free port" states such as Nevada for goods manufactured or processed in California.

This works to the detriment of cities, counties and workers in California, according to a statement by the council.

There is a growing practice,

according to the Teamsters, among national concerns to warehouse goods shipped from Eastern and Midwestern industrial centers to Nevada and to hold the goods there until requested by wholesale-retail outlets in Southern California.

This contributes to unemployment in California and is a way of evading California taxes, the Teamsters point out, adding that 17 such facilities have been built recently or are being built in Nevada.

Highest state court rules on deductions to cover shortages

The State Supreme Court has ruled that Kerr's Catering Co., 1625 E. 14th St., Oakland, cannot deduct money from its employees' wages to cover cash shortages.

The high state court upheld a long standing position of the State Industrial Welfare Commission, according to John F. Henning, state director of industrial relations.

The IWC maintained it had power to prohibit employers from doing this, even though workers involved received more than the state minimum wage. The minimum wage was an issue in the case because the IWC's jurisdiction covers minimum wages and conditions for women and minors only.

Kerr's Catering Co. employs women as driver-salesgirls on its coffee and doughnut trucks.

EXPENSES OF MANAGEMENT

The State Supreme Court said: "Some cash shortages, breakages and loss of equipment are inevitable in almost any business operation. It does not seem unjust to require the employer to bear such losses as expenses of management."

However, the court said, the employer is free to discharge employees whose carelessness leads to such losses. And employers can deduct for cash shortages caused by a "dishonest or wilful act, or by the culpable negligence of the employee."

A spokesman for the Industrial Welfare Commission said the court's opinion probably would lead to settlement of a number of related cases.

Local 302's Fairyland puppet show opens year

Children's Fairyland in Lakeside Park, Oakland, opens its 1962 season next Wednesday. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays.

Continuing under sponsorship of Milk Drivers 302 is the Fairyland Puppet Theater. The theater, under the direction of Tony Urbano, will hold performances at 11 a.m. and 2 and 4 p.m. It will open the season with "Little Red Riding Hood."

Special festivities are scheduled at Fairyland Sunday, March 18, in connection with dedication of the Alice in Wonderland set.

New CLC delegates

New delegates seated at the Feb. 26 meeting of the Central Labor Council were: Albert B. Nelson of Machinists 284 and Edward DeLair and Charles A. and Ella Worden, all of Oakland News Vendors 768.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge No. 1546 will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building, located at 10260 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Calif.

There will be a special order of business at our regular meeting March 20, 1962, to act on the question of this lodge affiliating with the California Automotive Council. The affiliation fee will be \$1 per member and a sustaining per capita tax of five cents per member per month.

Fraternally yours,
DON CROSMAN,
Recording Secretary

BARBERS 134

Regular meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

The Finance Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. in the union office.

Fraternally,
I. O. CHAMORRO,
Secretary-Treasurer

BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings held the first and third Mondays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut Street, Berkeley, Calif.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m. and the third at 8 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held March 20.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President
LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

There will be an election at the regular meeting Saturday, March 10, 1962, of delegates to the Fifth Biennial Conference of District 18.

Election will be held in the local's office in Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave. Polls will be open between 9 a.m. and noon only.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH
Recording Secretary

By GUNNAR (Benny) BENONYS

BAKERY WAGON DRIVERS 432

This is to advise you that the next Quarterly Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 1962 at 8 p.m. in Hall M, 3rd floor of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

As per new By-Laws, page 32, Section 2, a penalty of \$5 will be imposed for non-attendance.

Your attendance is urgently requested. Please be on time as no attendance cards will be given out after 8:30 p.m.

March dues will be \$7, payable by last business day of month.

Fraternally,
LES BENHAM,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Business Representative

BUILDING SERVICE 18

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The general election of Local No. 18 will take place on April 13, 1962, at the office of the union, 1628 Webster St., Oakland. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Those members eligible for nomination and election must be able to comply with Article XIV, Section 2, of our International Constitution.

Nominations will take place at the regular meeting of the union, at 7 p.m., March 23, 1962.

The requirements for nominations and the procedure are set forth in the Constitution as follows: "All nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Presiding Officer at the Union Meeting when nominations are in order. No verbal nominations will be in order.

"Such written nomination shall contain the name of the person nominated, the Office, Standing Committee Membership, Elected Delegates, or Elected Alternate Delegate, for which he or she is nominated and must be signed by at least twenty (20) members who have been in continuous good standing in this Union at least three (3) years prior to the date of signing the nomination paper. Persons signing such nomination paper shall show their residence address, place of employment, and date of signature.

"The candidate nominated must sign such written nomination to indicate his or her willingness to become a candidate.

"In the event a Candidate is nominated and elected, and it is discovered that he or she has not met all qualifications for election under the Constitution and By-Laws, that position shall be declared vacant."

The officers, committee members and delegates up for nomination and election are:

President, Vice President, Secretary-Business Representative, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, five (5) members for the Executive Committee, two (2) members for the Trustee Committee, three (3) delegates and one (1) alternate delegate for conventions to which the union sends delegates.

Any member desiring to run for any office or committee, or any member sponsoring a candidate, must abide by the provisions of the Constitution of Local 18.

Fraternally,
W. DOUGLAS GELDERT,
Business Representative

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held April 7, 1962, at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, Calif., at 2 p.m.

Delegates and alternates will be nominated and elected to the 13th International Convention of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., May 1-5, 1962.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting of your local will be Thursday, March 8, 1962. Why not come down and try your luck at Payola? You could win one quarter's dues.

Your business agent is still looking for suggestions for our new agreement. Members, why not send in some of your ideas on changes you would like made in the agreement?

Fraternally,
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

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The next regular meeting will be March 20 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 8 p.m.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 16

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 15, in Hall G of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
WILEY H. MOUNTJOY
Secretary-Treasurer

PAINT MAKERS 1101

It was a great shock to learn of the death of Brother Theron Griffiths on February 16. He was employed at the Walter N. Boysen Paint Co.

In accordance with Article XXIII, Section 2, of the Local By-Laws, the financial secretary hereby calls for an assessment of \$1 now due and payable to replenish the fund.

Brother Griffith's wife has already received her check in the amount of \$500. We are all happy to have made this possible.

Fraternally,
PETER J. CEREMELLO,
Financial Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night, March 16, is the date of our next meeting. The subject of the last meeting, equalization of pay for delegates to conventions, remains in the making. The meeting sizzled over this subject. You will be notified when the question is to be voted on.

It is a pleasure to note the endorsement of Francis Dunn as the candidate for the U.S. Congress from the newly formed Ninth District. A member of Local 127 of our craft, he also has an enviable record as a member of the California Assembly and as an Alameda County supervisor, several years of service in both offices. This service is certainly an education that will be of value to him if elected as a U.S. congressman. This endorsement occurred at our meeting of March 2. The best of luck, Mr. Dunn.

Fraternally,
ROBERT G. DUNN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings of Carpenters are held each Friday at 8 p.m., unless otherwise specified, at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward.

We sincerely urge that you attend meetings as regularly as possible. You as a member should take part in the deliberation of these meetings and aid to form policies that are good for the labor movement as a whole, and for you as an individual.

Stewards' meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, and the last Friday of each month is social night for all.

Fraternally,
L. D. (Larry) TWIST
Recording Secretary

ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Alameda Local 194 meets on the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial Building at Walnut and Central in Alameda.

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JOHN GRIGSBY,
Recording Secretary

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CARPENTERS 36

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Your secretary would like to take this opportunity to remind all Carpenters and their families that the final date for registering to vote at the primary election is April 12, 1962. If you have moved or did not vote in the last general election, you must register, or you will not be eligible to vote. I signed up as a deputy registrar last week, and we are in need of many more registrars for this work. Please call Jack G. Blue at HI 4-5066, the County Clerk of Alameda County.

It is the privilege and duty of all citizens to register and vote at all elections.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, March 15, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. Lloyd Ferber and Ernie Perry were elected delegates to District 38 Steelworkers Conference.

Fraternally,
D. ARCA,
Acting Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Meets first and third Friday of each month at the Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

Kuchel on KPFA-FM

A tape recording of U.S. Senator Thomas Kuchel's talk before building trades officials in Oakland Jan. 5 is scheduled to be broadcast by radio station KPFA-FM at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Food Clerks' talks still on; meeting set

Negotiations are continuing between Alameda County Food Clerks 870, Contra Costa County Retail Clerks 1179 and major grocery chains.

Food division members of Local 870 will meet at 9:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. next Wednesday, March 14, in the Oakland Auditorium Theater.

If any employer offer is forthcoming before then, it will be submitted to the membership. Otherwise, a strike vote may be taken, according to Harris Wilkin, secretary-treasurer of Local 870.

Local 1179 held a meeting to consider possible strike action Tuesday.

The old contracts, covering about 4,800 union members, expired Feb. 28 but have been continued in effect by mutual consent through this week.

CLC buys tickets to Vernon dinner

Upon motion of Peter J. Ceremello of Paint Makers 1101, the Central Labor Council voted unanimously last week to buy 10 tickets to the E. H. Vernon testimonial dinner being given by Automotive Machinists 1546.

The dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. March 17 at Goodman's Jack London Hall. The Alameda County labor movement will pay tribute to Vernon, who retired in January after more than a quarter of a century as general business representative of Lodge 1546.

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Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

Recent negotiations with the Farnsme Torch and Burner Company and the A. J. Kinney Company contracts will provide our members with a three weeks' vacation after five full years of employment, or approximately ten cents (10¢) for each hour worked over and above the last contract.

The settlement with the Furniture Dealers and Sheet Metal Contractors Association of Northern California for a two year contract giving the members involved twenty cents (20¢) the first year and fifteen cents (15¢) the second year was recommended by the Union Negotiating Committee to the members working under that contract. It was accepted by a unanimous vote.

Very sorry to report the passing of the following brothers: Robert A. Eichholz, H. C. Henriksen, George E. Salogga and J. J. Schmidt.

Please join me and the rest of the officers of Local Union No. 444 in extending our sympathy to the members of the family.

Barbers 134

By I. O. (AI) CHAMORRO

May I suggest that anyone reading these columns pay kind interest to the following:

My intent has to do with the plight the union barber shops are facing at present. We have in Alameda County several cut-raters that for the past few years had not done anything but fight the union shops. They have established many shops and sold them to the best bidders, increasing the amount of the above mentioned.

Every labor organizer knows the unique situation where small businesses are represented by many individual owners. This makes for very difficult means of organizing since the collective bargaining is not a body of one of management and one of labor, but many managements. This comprises many more ideas, demands, objectives, etc., etc., and, therefore, projected good understanding becomes much more difficult.

A note of interest to all organized labor is the fact that barbers do not have any fringe benefits, such as paid vacations, hospitalization, insurance nor pension plans. It is obvious that all fringe benefits gained by the whole organized labor people are passed on to the consumers.

Our brother barbers must start planning to gain these fringe benefits that are rightfully due all organized peoples. Come up with any suggestions, that we may start giving our members the opportunities so many have now. No one would work for a cut-rater, knowing that union shops are responsible for their welfare.

To our brothers that may be suspended, it is advised that all due benefits are lost, and after re-admittance they must wait one (1) year before sick payments are made as provided by the international constitution, and death benefits increase as members participate in the local membership.

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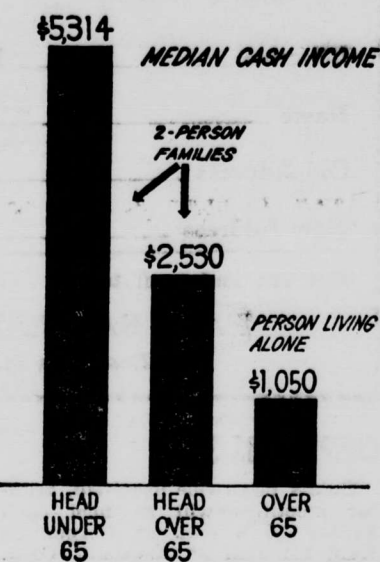
By PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer

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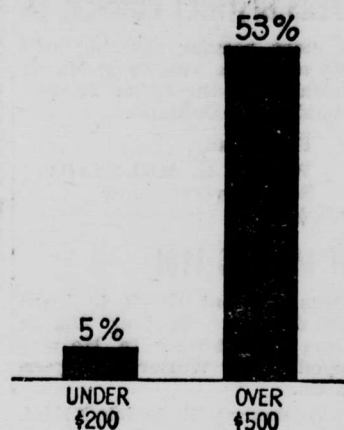
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Investment comes first. You pay a dollar to join, and start buying shares. Add any odd amount out of every paycheck regularly. When the loan committee sees a record of regular deposits to your account, your credit looks good. They can see that you have some control over your spending; so they know you will be able to make payments.

Don't ask for a loan if you haven't joined your credit union. And don't ask for a loan if you have only five dollars invested. To be prepared for future emergency needs, start now investing regularly. It's a good feeling to know you can count on getting a quick loan if you suddenly need it. You get that assurance only by investing regularly.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are glad to report we have a union watchmaker in Wolff's Martinez store, and our standard union agreement was just signed the past week.

The international convention will be held in Miami during the week beginning May 14, and our local is entitled to two delegates in accordance with the international constitution.

Election of these delegates will take place at the March 22nd meeting, which will be held at 693 Mission St., San Francisco.

For the benefit of you fellows in San Jose, I would like to advise you that I have made the initial contacts with regard to the watchmaker in the Bay Mart Discount Store, and I hope to have a further report in the next week's column on this matter.

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Executive Board Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m., Union Office.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

1962 is election year in the State of California. To be elected are the governor and all other constitutional state offices, one senator, 38 congressmen, eighty state assemblymen and one-half of the state senators, or 20. The last day to register for the Primary Election is April 12, 1962. The Primary Election will be held on June 5th. The last day to register for the November 6th election is September 13, 1962. If you did not vote at the last General Election or have moved, you must register again. Registration facilities are available in the Labbr Temple. Also, please check your neighborhood for similar locations.

The work situation remains slow, which is due not only to the weather element but also to the fact that the General Motors project, located in Southern Alameda County, and Bechtel's Vallecitos Reactor have not started or supplemented their present crews. Shutdowns are scheduled in April at the Associated Oil Refinery, Avon, Calif., with Fluor and the Bechtel Company, contractors.

Our next membership meeting will be held on March 15, 1962. Please make it a must to attend your membership meetings regularly.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

That was a rare celestial accomplishment by Colonel John Glenn. Granted his triple orbit of our battered old world was magnificent. But even more miraculous was the lull in the ancient enmities of the world's people while Glenn was steaking through space at 17,500 m.p.h.

For a tragically short time, people only hoped and prayed for Glenn's safe return into our atmosphere. Hate and bitterness still remains in the world, but for a little while there was only concern for another human being.

Didn't you feel it?

Speaking of concern, remember when 1304 reported a proposal of the Kaiser Health Plan to reduce the hospital benefits of our retired members? We're happy now to report a temporary truce.

Because of 1304 protests, because of resolutions to our international president and to Edgar F. Kaiser and because the sub-district No. 3 Steelworkers met with Kaiser Health Plan executives, enough heat and noise were generated to suggest another look at the Kaiser Health Plan proposal.

We're not clear what this

means, but Mr. Norman E. Nicholson, administrative assistant to Edgar F. Kaiser, wrote to us to say that Mr. Kaiser understands the complex aspects of providing medical care to individuals retired from the work force and has asked management of the health plan to take the time necessary to resolve, as satisfactorily as possible, 1304's problem.

If this means no more harassment of our retired members, this is satisfactory to us.

Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

Picture a sheet metal worker on a ladder threading a piece of flexible pipe through a maze of obstacles: "Man this is easy," he says. "Beats trying to put a bunch of fittings together."

He is happy, the job is easier, and he is working; but how about the sheet metal man who is unemployed, the days he spent learning how to lay out intricate fittings. He does not stop to think: this is automation! You might say this started 20 years ago when we stopped making furnace fittings by hand.

In the summer of 1960, Local 28 of New York City was faced with a serious problem. The problem was this: Shall they accept this new method of installing hi-velocity air conditioning pipe with a resulting loss (to use their own figures) of 75 per cent of work hours now available to the sheet metal worker?

To preserve an extension of job opportunities and conditions, Local 28 struck. They were on strike for eight weeks. When they returned to work, they had succeeded in limiting the use of flexible pipe to short lengths in various positions. The International Association has thought this problem serious enough that a book was issued with many sketches showing what lengths could be used in certain spots.

But, is this answer? Should we recognize progress and arrive at some sort of method whereby for each foot of flexible pipe put in, for each fitting made under automated methods, a fixed sum of money is deposited with a pension fund or a vacation fund or an unemployment fund? It's your problem—think about it!

Automation is here for the sheet metal worker. Let's take care of it!

Our next regular meeting will be a special meeting and will be held in Hall M of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, at 8 p.m. sharp!

Tri-State Council Death Assessment No. 473 is now due and payable. Brother Wm. C. Melford, Sr., No. 12074, a member in good standing of Local 108, Los Angeles, passed away on January 12, 1962.

Millmen 550

By CLYDE JOHNSON

An all-out drive against out-of-state competition from non-union and cheap wage manufacturers of cabinets, fixtures and millwork has been declared by Gordon McCulloch, secretary of the California State Council of Carpenters.

Following a series of special meetings last week, McCulloch announced the State Council of Carpenters would go all-out to protect the jobs and wage standards of California cabinet-makers and millmen.

Anthony Ramos, state mill representative for the council and former business agent for Local 550, was appointed by McCulloch to direct the statewide campaign and has already opened a special office in San Francisco as headquarters for the drive.

The executive boards and membership meetings of Locals 262 and 550 last week unanimously approved financial support of the campaign. Local 42 is expected to do the same for a three way split of Bay Area support of the drive.

The state council has already provided a director and an office secretary, along with printing and office supplies, and a headquarters. The mill locals will supply liaison or contact men to help follow through on each job and share in advertising and similar expenses.

We intend to contact architects and builders on every project (home, commercial, school and church building) prior to the bidding, contact general contractors at the time of the bidding, and in any instances where out-of-state firms get the bids, to pursue the contractors and builders with personal appeals and general publicity calculated (within legal limitations) to win public support for our cause.

It will be argued that we can't build a wall around California to keep out cheap wage competition, and maybe over the long haul this is true. However, we can wage a vigorous holding operation while we press the Brotherhood to do something about the cheap wage areas.

Our jobs and our wage and work standards depend upon the success of this campaign.

We know that foreign competition, developments in plastics and metals, and automation are also threats to our industry. We will try to be ready to meet new situations as intelligently as possible. Right now we have to fight the challenge of the cheapies who will destroy our jobs and standards if we permit the cutthroat competition.

We are very fortunate to have a state secretary like Gordon McCulloch who has the guts and the foresight to act forcefully at the right time. Now we can dig in and do the job.

Blood Bank Notice: The blood bank assessment has been reduced, effective January 1, 1962, to 25 cents every six months. Those members who have made the No. 9 payment will receive credit on the new basis.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The list at 36 is at 244 this March 5th, which is not bad, all in all. There is a lot of work in the permit stage that should break with the weather. The delegates to our state convention reported last Friday night, but the audience was small (rain, I guess)—about 45 present. There do not seem to ever be enough people present for an auction of some tools and stuff. I expect to set some other way and introduce it at roll call and the meeting.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

Lincoln Pension Labor Democratic Club is organized

Abraham Lincoln may have been a Republican, but a Democratic club is being named for him.

According to Carl Dittmar, founder and guiding spirit of the Alameda County Pension-Labor Democratic Clubs, one of the chief aims of the new club will be establishment of a national holiday in the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

The club, formed Feb. 23, will be named the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Day Pension-Labor Democratic Club.

'BROTHERHOOD UNDER GOD'

Explaining that Southerners have persistently blocked nationwide observance of Lincoln's Birthday, Dittmar also stressed that the new club will work to insert the words "a brotherhood" before the phrase "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A third aim will be "that the total combined voting power of all citizens shall constitute the one and only supreme and exclusive authority and control over all revenues and disbursements of the Federal Treasury." Dittmar believes that power over currency now enjoyed by the banking system should be placed in the hands of all the people.

The new club's preamble also rejects the John Birch Society's notion "that being a republic precludes us from being a democracy."

It suggests, instead, Lincoln's "inspired description of a democracy, namely, 'a government of the people, by the people and for the people'."

Tax rate is topic at Town Meeting

How does Oakland's tax rate compare with other cities of the same size around the Bay? Are taxes keeping industry out? Are they encouraging slums?

These are some of the questions scheduled for discussion at the Oakland Town Meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, March 12, at the Mosswood Recreation Center.

Moderator will be Frank H. Smith, tax accountant. Panelists will include: Donald E. Seragen, chief deputy county assessor; Supervisor Kent D. Pursel; Robert L. Snell of the Apartment House Association and Jess Waller, real estate broker.

The Oakland Town Meeting is conducted by the American Association of University Women, Oakland Council of Churches, Council of Social Planning, Council for the Social Studies, Henry George School of Social Science, Junior Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters and Men of Tomorrow. It is open to the public.

70,100 Bay Area unemployed in January, state officials say

There were 70,100 unemployed members of the six county Bay Area's labor force in January, the State Department of Employment said last week.

This represented 5.7 per cent of the labor force.

In January, 1961, there were 77,770 unemployed, or 6.5 per cent of the labor force at that time.

Despite the year-to-year drop, there was a seasonal increase in unemployment at the beginning of this year after the holiday season layoffs. December unemployment was 63,500, or 5.1 per cent of the work force.

State officials said the post-holiday drop was "held to a minimum" by relatively strong showings in durable goods production and in construction.

Nevertheless, there were January cutbacks in construction and some manufacturing industries.

JOB DEMAND VARIES

Demand for various types of workers varies, according to Marc W. Johnson, area manager for the department.

"Federal spending, prospect of an excellent construction season, and improved consumer spending have increased demand for many of the engineering occupations, while hiring in clerical occupations is in the midst of the usual post-holiday pickup," he said.

"However, most construction occupations remain in surplus, and immediate job prospects for semi-skilled and unskilled workers are relatively bleak."

Occupations in demand, according to Johnson, include engineers and supporting personnel, physical scientists with advanced degrees, draftsmen, accountants, nurses, social workers, dietitians, physical therapists and medical technologists.

Although there are plenty of workers available for clerical

jobs, too few have the level of skills required, Johnson said.

Industrial hiring in January and February is always slow, but there is demand for some skilled workers, as well as for some kinds of repairmen.

CLC aids Textile Workers in fight

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Corp. Company officials refused to deal with the unionists who, at that time, did not realize they had been removed from office by Emery.

A work stoppage then occurred and the five men were fired.

The case finally went to arbitration. After lengthy hearings, the award was handed down ordering the men to be rehired and paid for lost time.

However, the company refused to honor the award, and the men filed their court case after giving up hope that the international union was acting in their best interests.

The Central Labor Council has been sticking by the five fired men to be sure they get justice, despite a protest by William Pollock, president of the Textile Workers Union of America.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Effective Jan. 10, the U. S. Post Office Department increased postage due rates on newspapers by 100 per cent.

Members planning to move should notify their unions and the East Bay Labor Journal, if possible, prior to moving.

This will save you and your union money. And it will save the East Bay Labor Journal time and effort.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a box to be filled out and mailed in by those who are moving.

Chemical Wkrs. win 'good' pact

Richard K. Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, has helped members of Chemical Workers 62 at the Westvaco Division of Food Machinery and Chemical Corp. win a new 15 cent an hour "package."

Terming the settlement "a good one," Groulx said all 170 employees in the bargaining unit will receive increases of nine cents an hour now and another two cents in six months.

The one year contract calls for an additional 3 1/2 cent hourly increase for some employees.

Other gains include:

- A major medical plan for employees and dependents to which the company will contribute 2 1/2 cents per worker per hour and which will supplement present Blue Cross coverage.

- Improved shift differentials.
- Higher meal allowances for workers on overtime.

- Allowances for safety shoes, and

- Clarification of a situation in which employees were short-changed on overtime in some cases.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Eight cities in Alameda County will have elections April 10.

Cities are: Albany, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Pleasanton and San Leandro.

Last day to register for the June 5 primary election is April 12. County Clerk Jack G. Blue urges anyone wishing to become a deputy registrar of voters to apply as soon as possible. No training for deputies will be held after April 1.

Hal Risdon goes to work for union

Hal Risdon has resigned as labor editor of the Oakland Tribune and is handling public and press relations for the biggest construction trades local union in the United States, Operating Engineers 3.

Risdon will handle the Engineer News, official monthly publication of Local 3.

With headquarters in San Francisco, the union has over 23,000 members in four states—Northern California, Northern Nevada, Utah and Hawaii. The newspaper has a circulation of about 30,000.

Risdon, a veteran of 25 years with the Tribune, has made many friends in the Alameda County labor movement. His coverage was generally considered to be fair and thorough.

Before taking over the labor editorship two years ago, Risdon was assistant city editor of the Tribune for six years. He won an award for his coverage of the Key System strike in 1953.

The labor beat on the Tribune is being assumed by Elwyn W. Lufkin, formerly assistant state editor.

Meany, Bierne to address convention

George Meany, AFLCIO president, and Joseph A. Bierne, president of the AFLCIO Communications Workers of America and an AFLCIO vice-president, are among speakers scheduled to address a nationwide meeting of United Crusade and community fund workers in San Francisco March 12-16.

Meany and Bierne are scheduled to speak at the opening dinner of the biennial conference and national public relation clinic of the United Community Funds and Councils of America March 14.

The five day conference will feature a number of corporation executives and others active in United Fund gathering throughout the nation. Sessions will be held at the Fairmont and Mark Hopkins hotels.

Mosk lauds labor on anti-communism

Organized labor has been in the forefront of the fight against the causes of communism, State Attorney General Stanley Mosk said last Friday.

In a talk before the San Francisco Labor Council, Mosk declared:

"Communism cannot exist where there is free labor armed with the right of collective bargaining over wages, hours and working conditions."

"America's labor force has militantly maintained its rights to first class citizenship, the right to home ownership, advanced education for its children, and security for its senior citizens. It has established the highest standard of living in the world under a democracy, and no other ideology will ever lure it away from our political forms."

"Labor," Mosk declared, "has initiated and supported our social advances along with economic security. It has also fought, within its ranks, the marginal minority of disrupters who sought to incorporate totalitarian doctrines."

The attorney general said "too little" is the known about labor contributions to opposing communism on the international scene, including its support and sponsorship of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Brown names labor man

Governor Edmund G. (Pat) Brown has appointed John M. Annand of Los Angeles to a four year term on the State Small Craft Harbors Commission.

Annand is president of Teamsters Joint Council 42. He succeeds Homer L. Woxberg, who resigned.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DEEDED TO THE STATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8, Sections 3797, 3798 and 3799 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the written authorization and direction of the State Controller, dated February 13, 1962, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Oakland has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-deeded property described in said agreement; and

That the State Controller has approved said agreement and a copy is on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors;

That pursuant to said agreement the undersigned Tax Collector will, not less than 21 days after the first publication or the mailing to the last addressee at his last known address of a copy of this notice, whichever is later, deed said property to the City of Oakland.

That unless the property is redeemed before it is sold, the right of redemption will cease.

The real property referred to and contained in said agreement is situated in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, and is substantially described as follows:

No. 1. Deed No. 11048. Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, Lot 21, Block 3451. Acct. No. 48H-7621-16. Last assessed to Villa Site and Development Co. Minimum price \$350.

No. 2. Deed No. 11040. Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, Lot 13, Block 3451. Acct. No. 48H-7621-8. Last assessed to Villa Site and Development Co. Minimum price \$252.

No. 3. Deed No. 11041. Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, Lot 14, Block 3451. Acct. No. 48H-7621-9. Last assessed to Villa Site and Development Co. Minimum price \$252.

No. 4. Deed No. 11042. Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, Lot 15, Block 3451. Acct. No. 48H-7621-10. Last assessed to Villa Site and Development Co. Minimum price \$252.

No. 5. Deed No. 11043. Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, Lot 16, Block 3451. Acct. No. 48H-7621-11. Last assessed to Villa Site and Development Co. Minimum price \$302.

No. 6. Deed No. 11044. Gwin Unit of Highlands of Oakland, Lot 17, Block 3451. Acct. No. 48H-7621-12. Last assessed to Villa Site and Development Co. Minimum price \$302.

For information as to the amount necessary to redeem, apply to Eugene V. Waring, Redemption Officer of said County of Alameda, State of California, at the Court House in Oakland.

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George M. Cohan & the Central Labor Council

Sunday night on television there was a program called "Regards to George M. Cohan."

It was a tribute to the man who wrote "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy" and many other songs popular before and during World War I.

The commentator, Peter Lind Hayes, observed that Cohan's brand of flag waving patriotism seems to have gone out of style.

Maybe this is so. But we feel it has been replaced with something better — a thinking man's patriotism.

This is an appreciation of the positive values of democratic government as offering the greatest chance of achieving what is best for the most, and, at the same time, protecting basic minority rights. Furthermore, it is a realization that the road toward freedom is also the road toward fulfillment of human personality.

We think the Central Labor Council's resolution asking for a "Basic Rights week" embodies this spirit of accentuating the positive values of American democracy.

This is the spirit of the American labor movement, too.

In addition to clearing the air of any suspicion which may be left over from the recent tent show in the Oakland auditorium, we feel a Basic Rights Week would stimulate some needed discussion on what we're for — as well as what we're against.

That's what the proclamations and public forums suggested by the labor council will do.

Somehow, we feel that George M. Cohan would have approved of this.

Wage-price spiral II

Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg told Congress recently that raising the minimum wage to \$1.15 did NOT raise prices.

And it didn't cause unemployment, either, as the mossbacks said it would.

This is especially significant because Goldberg in the past has been one of the leading propounders of the "wage-price fallacy."

The wage-price fallacy has been repeated so often that many labor people believe it. It holds that wage increases cause inflation unless they are geared to increases in productivity.

We would like to add a statement by Stanley H. Ruttenberg, director of the AFLCIO Department of Research. Ruttenberg is the author of a piece on "The Future of Labor" in a new magazine, Union Review, sponsored by the AFLCIO California State Federation of Teachers (to which we hope to give more space in a future issue). He blasts several current "myths" about the labor movement, including that it is failing in the white collar field, that unions are declining, and that unions are too powerful.

One of the main points of Ruttenberg's article is "that the 'wage-price spiral' as presented to the American public is a myth."

Many things contribute to inflation, Ruttenberg points out: rising interest rates, rising land prices, rising stock market prices, rising research costs, rising advertising expenses, rising executive salaries and expense accounts, and unwise investment in new plants and equipment. Ruttenberg also says American corporations have been "shifting their accounting, with depreciation allowances, so that the profit picture would look bleak."

Higher wages mean more demand for the products of American industry. This will produce economic growth, which Ruttenberg indicates, is the biggest problem facing American labor today.

E. H. Vernon dinner

Automotive Machinists 1546 is holding a dinner March 17 so that its members and his many other friends in the labor movement can pay tribute to E. H. Vernon, recently retired general business representative.

A. J. Hayes, president of the AFLCIO International Association of Machinists, will speak.

Hayes is an AFLCIO vice-president and has been chairman of its Ethical Practices Committee as well as a leader in the fight for an intelligent approach to foreign trade within the American labor movement. His talk ought to be one worth hearing.

We join Lodge 1546 in expressing appreciation to Ernie Vernon for his many years of devotion to the cause of organized labor, and in wishing him many more years of happy retirement.



A DIFFERENT VIEW OF CARPENTER CONVENTION

By JOE HUSTLER

The rain was sure coming down, and my woman was moaning about short paychecks.

So, as I'd heard of a Carpenters' convention going on in San Mateo, I thought I'd just amble down and see "what gives."

I'd heard that lots of business agents made this clambake, and a fellow can't miss many bets if he's going to make a living in my game. You know I'm not too good a carpenter, but I still like to eat regular.

Well, about the first fellow I meets in this classy establishment is my own B.A. So he says I'll get you a guest badge. Well, this sure sounded good to me, as I'd sooner be a guest than a host anytime. I'm in no position to pick up any tabs.

But the fellow on the Badge Committee sizes me up right away and just gives me the old banker's eye.

These petty officials can't chill me. So I goes immediately to the room where all the fuss is going on. Man, this is some blowout. About 300 fellows, most with nice badges with a red ribbon and a brass symbol on it. They were sitting at long tables.

First thing I looked for was the refreshments, but all they have is water. I know that's all they have on most jobs. I'd forgotten these fellows were on somebody's payroll.

Well, the speeches continued all day, and pretty soon I look at my watch, and it's 4:30; it's quitting time for me as I'd had no lunch and I have a hour's drive to get home.

The wife looks at me when I come in and says, "Where in Hell have you been?" I said, "Looking for work." And she says, "In those clothes?"

Then I told her I been out buttering up business agents. So she let's the matter drop.

Darn those detective stories on T.V. anyway. A fellow just can't get away with a simple answer anymore.

The next day it's raining again, and no chance of a job. So I head back for the convention again.

More speeches! I'm sure learning.

One fellow from Washington, D. C., said that his new job in the Big Town was enforcer for the Landrum-Griffin legislation, and his main job was making us like it. He said he now had the forms much smaller than they were.

I gathered he hoped to have them so small soon that all he would send out was a card with "Still Alive" on it, and if we sent it back we were.

Well, it's not hard to figure him or his plans out.

The controller from Sacra-

EDITOR'S NOTE

"Joe Hustler" is a pen name. Having returned from Mexico with his tongue still in his cheek, we sent him on a local assignment.

mento was there, and his message was that he's really not a birth controller but a money controller.

He's been misunderstood at times, but anyway he's sure saving us money by having all the loose state money drawing interest. Million he's saved us already.

I went outside for a few minutes and I ran into a fellow who was waiting his turn to go to the podium, and I think that here is the most important meeting I've made. He asked me what jokes had been told in the last two days, and this gives me my big idea.

I'm going to attend all conventions and listen to all speeches and be the "joke controller."

Towards the end of the speechmaking, a nice young fellow gets on the podium and starts telling us about his job in Sacramento. He's state treasurer and the figures he rolls off his tongue. WOW!

Believe me, all my bets are going to be on Betts come next election.

Governor Brown didn't show. A bit of a disappointment, but he probably knows he's going to get my vote, anyway.

The convention finally got down to the resolutions. They were mostly all good, especially that one about the shorter hammer. It's about time. Did you ever belt your thumb with one of those 24 inch handled beaters.

Only one resolution passed that I was opposed to. It does away with the Carpenter convention every other year. We're going to hold a political convention in Sacramento as a substitute. I don't dig this, as most of us Carpenters were looking forward to a statewide agreement and more unity within our own organization.

Besides, what about COPE and all the rest of the unions. I think that old "saw" about "Too many cooks spoiling the soup" fits in this situation.

Well, Thursday night finished me up. I hear of a place that they are giving away free drinks to the delegates. So I just bust in and, sure enough, I pick up a few. But the Carpenters in this convention don't drink as much as I thought delegates should. Well, maybe that's the reason I'm not a delegate. Or even a guest.

OPINIONS

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WHY DID CHABOT J.C. BONDS FAIL?

Editor, Labor Journal:

Why did the South County Junior College bond election fail?

The Hayward and San Leandro Chambers of Commerce, the San Leandro Manufacturers Association and seven other business groups, twelve service organizations, six teachers groups, twenty four parent groups, three union locals and the Alameda County Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council all supported the bond election.

The San Leandro Morning News gave the junior college bond election strong and convincing support from the very start. This was reflected in the three to one "Yes" voted in San Leandro.

The Oakland Tribune, which has usually taken a hands-off approach to south county issues, came out one hundred per cent for the bond election.

The bonds were supported by liberals and conservatives, by business and labor and by two out of three newspapers. Up until the first of February, it looked as though nobody would be against it at all.

Then it happened.

Two weeks before the election, the Hayward Daily Review launched a campaign to defeat the junior college bonds. Their arguments that the proposition was "too much, too indefinite and too soon" could have been easily answered if the Review had printed them a month earlier. Instead, the Hayward newspaper waited until it was too late for bond supporters to get the real facts to the Review readers.

The success of the Review's campaign can be seen in the fact that seven out of ten Hayward voters cast ballots against the bond issue. As a result of this, the necessary two thirds majority was not achieved, and the bonds were defeated.

But these were not the only results of the eleventh hour attack by the Daily Review. Because of this defeat the ultimate cost of the junior college will be more and not less. With normal inflation the price of both land and buildings will continue to go up. Furthermore, south county taxpayers will now have to go on paying for the education of 2,000 or more of our young people in Junior Colleges in Oakland, San Mateo and elsewhere. Finally, this will mean further delays in the introduction of a lower division program at Alameda County State College.

The editors of the Hayward Daily Review never told their readers that these would be the inevitable consequences of the defeat of the junior college bonds. Whatever the motives of these editors were, they must feel very proud and happy today.

JOHN STEVENS,
Member, Teachers 1285

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THANKS, ANYWAY

Editor, Labor Journal:

Just a note to thank you and the East Bay Labor Journal for your support of our bond issue.

Although we all had hoped the bonds would pass, we can take some solace in the fact that many, many more people now know about Chabot College and its need for permanent facilities. Perhaps our spade work will pay off in victory one of these days. Again, thank you and let us know if we can help you in any way.

WAYNE WILLIAMS
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